

Remarks

- 1) Applicant thanks the Examiner for his well considered office action, and for recognizing applicant's contribution by allowing certain claims if rewritten in a manner that will integrate limitations of their dependent claims. Applicant hopes that this response will further the understanding of applicant's invention.
- 2) Resulting in this amendment, claims 1, 3-12, and 24-27 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 13-23 were cancelled without prejudice.
- 3) Applicant combined the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that as claim 2 was indicated allowable in independent form, combining the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1 made it and all of its dependent claims allowable.
- 4) Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office position that as originally presented, claim 1 that was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McKenty (US 396,411). The Office identified the two claimed SIDE extensions as J and K in Fig. 1, however applicant points out that the two extensions in McKenty are clearly TOP extensions. Thus the items enumerated J and K may not be properly considered to anticipate the limitation of SIDE extensions explicitly cited in the original claim 1 as filed, and before the amendment provided herein. This amendment does not abandon the subject matter claimed in claim 1, and should not be construed as such, since the reference did not show all the claim limitations. Applicant maintains all rights to claim all subject matter to which he is entitled, including claim 1 as originally presented, in a future application. However in order to advance the prosecution, applicant amended the claims as shown above.

- 5) Applicant has made a good faith effort to address each and every point made by the Examiner, and amended the claim in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find any deficiency in this amendment or in the application, or should the Examiner believe for any reason, that a conversation with applicant's agent may further the allowance and issuance of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Shalom Wertsberger at telephone (207) 799-9733.
- 6) In light of the showing and all other reasons stated above, applicant believes that the rejections and objections presented by the Examiner in the office action mailed to applicant May 8, 2006 were overcome. Applicant therefore submits that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections, and issue of a notice of allowance on all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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